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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 790  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Garrett Hines upon winning a Silver Medal in the four-man bobsled event at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who, through their determination, ability, and endurance, have distinguished themselves as champions in the realm of international athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Hines is one such noteworthy citizen, who has attained an unparalleled measure of success in competition against the elite athletes of the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hines, through his natural talent and extraordinary work ethic, won a Silver Medal in the four-man bobsled competition at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games held in Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chicago, Illinois, he has three brothers and four sisters; Garrett was raised in Memphis, Tennessee, where he lived until he graduated from high school; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional scholar and athlete, Garrett Hines earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Science and a Master's Degree in Education from Southern Illinois

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University (SIU); he played halfback on the SIU Football Team and was a formidable sprinter on the SIU Track Team, competing in the 100-meter and 200-meter events; and

WHEREAS, at the encouragement of a track and field colleague who felt Garrett's speed and strength would be a good match for the demands of bobsled competition, Garrett Hines attended a bobsled tryout camp in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hines's competitive bobsled debut, during the 1995-1996 racing season, set a strong foundation for his future exploits in the challenging and dynamic sport of bobsled; and

WHEREAS, through his steadfast commitment to the sport and his incomparable work ethic, he quickly joined the ranks of the world's greatest athletes; he honorably represented his country in the Nagano 1998 Olympic Games where his squad placed fifth in the four-man bobsled and tenth in the two-man bobsled, and the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Games where he captured the Silver medal in the four-man bobsled and placed fourth in the two-man bobsled; the last U.S. win in the four-man bobsled event was in the 1956 Winter Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, due to their outstanding showing at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Garrett Hines and his teammate, Randy Jones, have earned the distinction of being the first African American males from the U.S. to win medals in the Winter Olympics; this distinction is especially important to Mr. Hines, a devoted father, because the achievement is a part of his legacy to his three children; and

WHEREAS, personally, his victory was also exceptional in that his triumph in the four-man bobsled event occurred on his daughter's birthday; and

WHEREAS, utilizing his incredible strength and agility, Garrett Hines placed eighth in the two-man bobsled at the 2000 Goodwill Games; fourth in the four-man bobsled and sixth in the two-man bobsled at the 2000 World Championships; first in the four-man bobsled and in the two-man bobsled at the 2001 Verizon National Trials; first in the four-man bobsled at the Lake Placid World Cup; fourth in the four-man bobsled at the Calgary World Cup; fourth in the four-

man bobsled in the Igls World Cup; and first in the four-man bobsled and two-man bobsled at the 2000 National Trials; and

WHEREAS, this phenomenal champion has also won the 2000 Brakeman Push Championship and seized first place in Brakes and Right Side and fifth place in Left Side at the 2001 Calgary Push Championships; Garrett also won a Silver Medal in the four-man bobsled at the 2001 Winterberg World Cup; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Hines is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Ileana Hines, and their three daughters; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mr. Hines is interested in helping to establish housing for seniors and disadvantaged people living in the Bartlett area; his mother, Shirley still resides in Bartlett, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hines provides an excellent example of the tremendous success that can be achieved by individuals who possess the determination, drive, and dedication to take full advantage of their innate talents, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Garrett Hines upon winning the Silver Medal in the four-man bobsled event at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, commend his outstanding athletic career, applaud his many achievements both as an athlete and as a citizen, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.